

Zechariah 4 A Lampstand and Two Olive TreesDiscussion Questions

1. When and why do you find yourself prone to despising the day of small things?
2. In church history or in your personal experience, what mighty mountains have become level ground before Christ as he builds his church? Allow reflection on this to encourage your heart as you think of the obstacles (global or local) that stand in the way of Christ building his church today.
3. Do you need to hear the words, “Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit”, says the Lord Almighty, as words of rebuke or encouragement?
4. In what ways does this vision need to correct your estimation of the importance of leadership in God’s work. Do you put too much confidence in human leaders or undervalue God’s work through human leaders? How might this bring a corrective to how you feel about your own ministry?
5. What difference does it make to see the church as a lampstand supplied with golden oil, that is a community alive and alight with the presence of God, sustained by the Spirit that Chris pours out?